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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: PETER BERNHARDT)	Group Art Unit 3679
Serial No. 10/634,235)	Examiner Ernesto Garcia
Filed: August 5, 2003)	Examiner Efficato Garcia
Title: BALL JOINT)	Attorney Docket 1-24671

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to a substantive examination on the merits, please amend the aboveidentified application as indicated on the following pages.